Creative Solutions for Maintaining Growth in Changing Marketing Environments

Jim Burke
Senior Product and Services Coordinator
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
6301 S Street, MS A201
Sacramento, CA 95852-1930
[burke@smud.org



Session goals

- I. Why a changing market requires creative thinkng
- 2. Program history
- 3. Changes we've seen
- 4. What's been consistent
- 5. Managing change through tracking
- 6. Review of top performing channels
- 7. Questions





Perspectives - Why We Care About Change

"Nothing Endures But Change" – Heraclitus 540 BC"

- The market keeps moving.
- Every time I start to think that we've got it all figured out ..
 - Whack!
 - Something changes





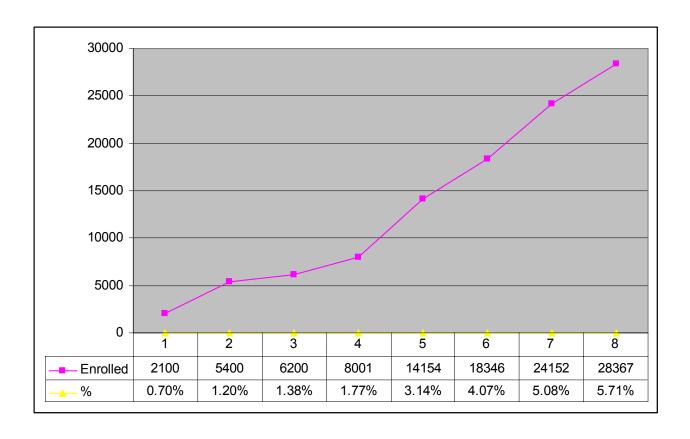


Program history

- I. Introduced in 97
- 2. Rapidly escalated to the 1% threshold and stalled 98-99
- 3. Product sent back to marketing for redesign in 1999
- 4. Redeployed in July 2000 flat rate pricing, 40% match
- 5. Adding new customers steadily ever since (44% average)
- 6. US EPA Beacon Award winner '03 Starbucks Promo
- 7. Green-e Certified
- 8. Top 10 NREL 03, '04 in all four categories



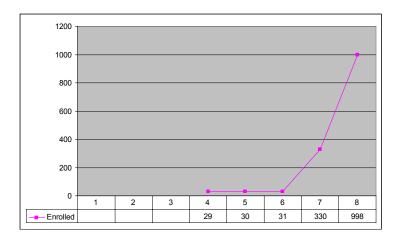
Residential Enrollment





Commercial Enrollment

- Commercial account sales teams drive enrollment
- 100% green for a penny per kWh or 50% green for a half penny per kWh











What's Changing

- I. Most effective medium
- 2. Most effective message/appeal
- 3. Most effective sales channel
- 4. Average cost per sale



What's Been Consistent

- I. Churn rates remain low
- 2. Production level affects response more isn't always better
- 3. Marketing budgets





Tracking – Our Key to Managing Change

- Sales results are tracked weekly and shared with everyone on our team
- Team reviews all tactics to determine if they are direct response or awareness oriented
 - Different metrics
- Data slices
 - Cost per sale/impression
 - Enrollment channel
 - Campaign



Tracking Form - Summary Sections

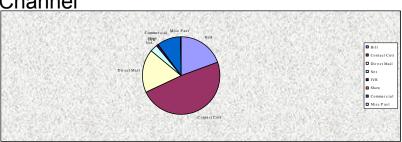
YTD Goal

| Sep-04 | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Monthly Summary | |
| Customers at 1st of month | 27,943 |
| Customers Added For Month | 522 |
| Drops | 98 |
| Drop % | 0.35% |
| Per SAP, Adjusted ward by | |
| Net EOM enrollment per SAP | 28,367 |
| % of res customers @ 472,666 | 6.00% |
| Pending Processing | |
| Monthly Target | 688 |
| Monthly Achieved | 424 |
| Monthly Target To Go | 264 |
| % of Monthly Target Achieved | 61.63% |
| Year-end target enrollment | 28,648 |
| % of Year-end target achieved | 99.02% |
| # of Year-end target to go | 281 |
| | |
| | |

Campaign









Tracking Form - Weekly Sales

| | | Monthly | Res | ults | | | |
|------------------|------|--|-------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--|
| Campaign Code | Chnl | Tactic | Sept 1-6 | Sept 7-13 | Sept 14-20 | Sept 21-27 | |
| ADVERT | ISIN | G | | | | | |
| Control | | Advertising - Radio Supporting Print | | | | | |
| Kings | AD | Advertising - Radio Supporting Kings | | | | | |
| Control | AD | Advertising - Radio Commercial | | | | | |
| Kings | | Advertising - Kings Sponsorship | | | | | |
| Kings | AD | Advertising - Kings Brochure | | | | | |
| Kings | | Advertising - Kings Fanfare | | | | | |
| Control | | Advertising - General | | | | | |
| Com | | Advertising - Ca Climate Actn Registry | | | | | |
| Control | | Advertising - Vehicle Wrap | | | | | |
| BILL PA | | | | | | | |
| Kings | | Bangtail - March 2004 Kings | | 1 | | | |
| Jamba | | Bangtail - July 2004 - Jamba | | 14 | 4 | | |
| Control | | Bill Insert - January 2004 - No Offer | | | | | |
| Arden | | Bill Insert - September 2004 - Arden | | 4 | 28 | 9 | |
| CONTAC | | | | | | | |
| Control | CC | Contact Center - General No Promo | 10 | | 11 | 7 | |
| Jamba | | Contact Center - Jamba | 101 | | 77 | 51 | |
| Arden | | Contact Center - Arden | 16 | | 46 | 29 | |
| Kings | | Contact Center - Kings | | | | | |
| SPO | CC | Contact Center - Philharmonic | | | | | |



SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
The Power To Do More.

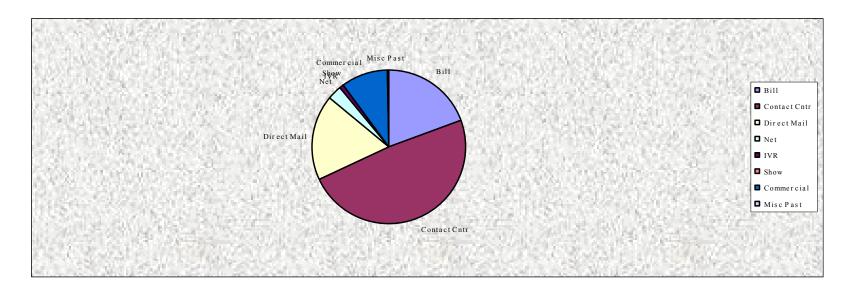
Tracking Form - Diagnostics

| | | | | | D | iagı | าดร | tics | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------|---------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Gross response | Already on | Net new | 2004 Total Net New | All Dates Net New | Historical / average sales | Response Rate | Rate as % of Sales | Marketing \$ | Fulfillment \$ | TOTAL Cost | Gross Impressions | Cost /Sale | Cost / impression |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | NA | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$0.00 | | #VALUE! | #VALUE! |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$0.00 | | #VALUE! | #VALUE! |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$0.00 | | #VALUE! | #VALUE! |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$36,000.00 | N/A | \$36,000.00 | 1,316,000 | #VALUE! | 0.027 |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$1,716.00 | N/A | \$1,716.00 | | #VALUE! | #DIV/0! |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | #VALUE! | #DIV/0! |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$0.00 | | #VALUE! | #VALUE! |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$0.00 | N/A | \$0.00 | | #VALUE! | #DIV/0! |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$3,000.00 | N/A | \$3,000.00 | | #VALUE! | #DIV/0! |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | 1 | 429 | 429 | 634 | | 0.00% | \$8,000.00 | \$16.00 | \$8,016.00 | 472,666 | \$8,016.00 | 0.017 |
| 18 | | 18 | 673 | 673 | 634 | 0.00% | 0.00% | \$8,000.00 | TBD | \$8,000.00 | 472,666 | \$444.44 | 0.017 |
| 0 | | 0 | 262 | 262 | 541 | 0.00% | #DIV/0! | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 472,666 | #DIV/0! | 0.000 |
| 41 | | 41 | 41 | 41 | 541 | 0.01% | 0.00% | \$0.00 | TBD | \$0.00 | 472,666 | \$0.00 | 0.000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | | 28 | 427 | 1,017 | 590 | 0.03% | 0.00% | \$192.08 | \$0.00 | \$192.08 | 100,000 | \$6.86 | 0.002 |
| 229 | | 229 | 1,479 | 1,479 | 262 | 0.23% | 0.00% | \$1,570.94 | TBD | \$1,570.94 | 100,000 | \$6.86 | 0.016 |
| 91 | | 91 | 485 | 3,121 | 2,788 | 0.09% | 0.00% | \$624.26 | TBD | \$624.26 | 100,000 | \$6.86 | 0.006 |
| 0 | | 0 | 1,153 | 2,925 | 1,772 | 0.00% | #DIV/0! | \$0.00 | \$18,448.00 | \$18,448.00 | 100,000 | #DIV/0! | 0.000 |
| 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | new | 0.00% | #DIV/0! | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 100,000 | #DIV/0! | 0.000 |





Results – Our Heavy Hitters



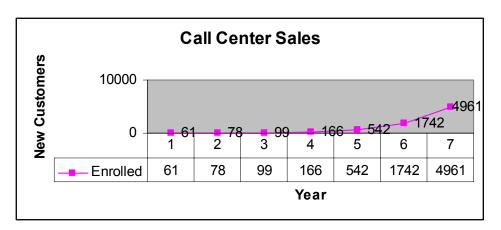
- Call Center (Inbound)
- Bill Package

- Retail Partnerships
- Direct mail



Call Center Detail

- Background
 - Greenergy introduced in 1997
 - Call center sales languished without formal development programs
 - Call center sales surged when a comprehensive program was developed with management support and incentives for CSR's who sell the program.

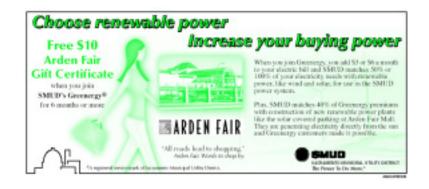






Bill Package Detail

- Consistently strong performer
- Used for partnerships and program effort
- Only 12 months. 40 programs competing for them.







Direct Mail

- Response rates have eroded
- Simple works
- Used for message testing and to even out marketing calendar



[mail date]

Dear [SMUD Customer]

How to Make The Same Environmental Impact as Planting an Acre of Trees With a Stroke of Your Pen

Keep reading to find out how you can show your support for power plants that use alternative fuels like wind, sun or landfill gas. You'll help build a better energy future for Sacramento and have about the same environmental impact as planning an acre of trees or parking your car for

- Join more than 24,000 of your neighbors and welcome tomorrow by choosing renewable energy from SMUD. Although the energy crisis closed many markets to competition, SMUD still gives customers choices about the energy we use to serve Sacramento. When you join Greenergy, SMUD matches up to 100% of your electric needs with purchases of electricity from wind, solar, landfill gas, or geothermal plants. (See the power content label on the back of this letter for a comparison between Greenergy resources and the standard California power mix.)
- According to the U.S. EPA, a 12-month Greenergy membership at 100% is like planting one acre of trees or parking your car for one year, since renewable resource produce significantly less air emissions than traditional power fuel sources. (See link at right)

Choose How Green You Want To Be:

- 100% Option For less than 20¢ a day (\$6 per month above your normal bill) we will
- 50% Option For less than a dime a day (\$3 per month above your normal bill) we will tch 50% of your energy needs with purchases of renewable resources for use on the

Jim Burke - Program Manager PS - Enroll in SMUD's Greenergy and make your impact on the environment today!



Retail Partnerships

- On display isn't good enough
- Right environment
- Response increases with more channels













Partnership Value

- Audited by IEG Valuation Service, the industry's leading authority on sponsorship valuation
 - Bangtails \$26K
 - Inserts \$26k
 - Newsletter mention \$17k
 - Simple partnership \$2k







2004 Marketing Components

- Advertising Cable
- Advertising Print
- Advertising Radio
- Call Center Inbound
- Direct mail
- Earned Media
- Events
- Internet Web and online bill pay
- IVR
- Retail Partnerships





Speaker Evaluation Return by FAX to 916.732.6331

| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Very Poor |
|---------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Topic | | | | | |
| Speaker | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| t could be i | mproved? | | | | |
| nt could be i | mproved? e/Org/Comments | | | | |



